

Introduced by Senator Ortiz

January 24, 2005

An act to amend Section 13276 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 112, as introduced, Ortiz. Refugee social services.

Under existing law, the State Department of Social Services must require that a county's costs in administering employment-related and English language training programs funded by certain program funds derived from the federal Refugee Act of 1980 not exceed the percentage for county administrative costs permitted by the department in administering the Refugee Targeted Assistance Program. Existing law requires the department to allocate all social services funds derived from the act, after setting aside state administrative funds, to each eligible county in the same proportion that the number of refugees on aid in each eligible county bears to the total number of refugees on aid in all eligible counties. Existing law defines "aid" and "eligible county" for these purposes.

This bill would revise these provisions to instead require the social services funds to be allocated in the same proportion that refugees arrived in the eligible county compared to the total number of refugees that arrived in all eligible counties during the preceding 36-month period for which the department has data. The bill would make conforming changes in the applicable definitions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13276 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

13276. (a) After setting aside the necessary state administrative funds, the department shall allocate all social services funds derived from the federal Refugee Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-212), as amended, ~~which~~ *that* are required to be used for employment-related and English language training to each eligible county in the same proportion that refugees ~~on aid in each eligible county bear to the total refugees on aid in all eligible counties~~ *arrived in the eligible county, compared to the total number of refugees that arrived in all eligible counties, during the preceding 36-month period for which the department has data.*

(b) Commencing October 1, 1987, all federal targeted assistance funds received by the department shall be allocated to eligible counties pursuant to subdivision (a).

~~(c) For the purposes of this section:~~

~~(1) "Aid" means the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, the Refugee Cash Assistance program, and county general assistance.~~

~~(2) "Eligible county"~~ *For the purposes of this section, "eligible county" means a county designated as impacted using a formula to be developed by the department based upon the aided refugee population in the county.*